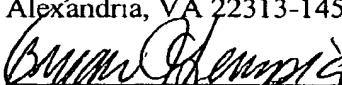




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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 of the originally filed specification (page 5, line 26 - page 6, line 8) as follows:

In the disclosed example, the tool recess or accepting region 50 is an essentially square opening having four sides 56a, 56b, 56c, and 56d. The four sides are generally vertically oriented, although the sides can be slightly tapered at a draft angle for casting or forming purposes. As shown in FIGS. 2 and 3, the sides are arranged as a square opening that forms part of the flow passage and has two pairs of opposed, parallel, flat sides 56a, 56c and 56b, 56d. Adjacent ones of the sides 56a-56d are interconnected at rounded corners 60, as described further below. In this example, the four sides 56a-56d and the intermediate surface 54 together define the tool recess 50 having a shape that corresponds to a standard socket wrench extension. In one example, a standard three-quarter inch socket extension can be inserted directly into the tool recess for removing or installing the seat ring 30 (see FIG. 6 and the description below). In other examples, the tool recess 50 can be configured to accommodate different sized socket extensions such as a standard half-inch or three-eighths inch extension size. In still other examples, the tool recess 50 can be configured to accommodate a different standard configuration tool head other than a socket extension, such as a TORX head, ALLEN wrench, hex head, or other standard configuration.